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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
NEW RIVER UTILITY COMPANY, AN  
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A  
DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF  
ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND  
FOR INCREASES IN ITS WATER RATES  
AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE  
BASED THEREON.

DOCKET NO. W-01737A-12-0478

PROCEDURAL ORDER

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On November 29, 2012, New River Utility Company ("New River") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting an order establishing the fair value of its plant and property used to provide water utility services and approving permanent rates and charges designed to produce a fair return thereon.

On December 21, 2012, New River filed several revised schedules to its application, to correct errors in the original schedules.

On December 28, 2012, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Letter of Sufficiency stating that New River's rate application had met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103 and that New River had been classified as a Class B Utility.

On January 3, 2013, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling the hearing in this matter and establishing other procedural requirements and deadlines.

On February 22, 2013, New River filed Notice of Completion of Publication of Notice.

On April 25, 2013, New River filed a Request for Approval of a Cross-Connection Tariff.

On June 26, 2013, Staff filed Notice of Filing Direct Testimony of Crystal S. Brown, Marlin Scott, Jr. and John Cassidy.

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1 On July 17, 2013, New River filed a Request to Extend Deadline for Filing Rebuttal  
2 Testimony. New River stated that a brief extension, to July 22, 2013, was needed because New  
3 River's counsel was to attend an out-of-town funeral on the due date, July 19, 2013. New River  
4 further stated that Staff had been contacted and had agreed to the extension.

5 On July 18, 2013, a Procedural Order was issued granting New River's requested extension.

6 On July 22, 2013, New River filed the Rebuttal Testimony of Ray L. Jones.

7 On August 12, 2013, Staff filed the Surrebuttal Testimony of Ms. Brown, Del Smith, and Mr.  
8 Cassidy.

9 On August 23, 2013, New River filed the Rejoinder Testimony of Mr. Jones.

10 On September 4, 2013, the Prehearing Conference in this matter was held at the  
11 Commission's Offices in Phoenix, with New River and Staff appearing through counsel. At New  
12 River's request, it was determined that the first scheduled day of hearing, September 9, 2013, would  
13 be used for public comment only and that the evidentiary hearing would commence on the second  
14 scheduled day of hearing, September 12, 2013.

15 On September 5, 2013, Staff filed its Revised Surrebuttal Schedules.

16 On September 9, 2013, the hearing convened solely for public comment. New River and  
17 Staff appeared through counsel, and public comment was received from two individuals.  
18 Additionally, both parties filed their Testimony Summaries.

19 On September 12 and 13, 2013, the evidentiary hearing was held in this matter. New River  
20 appeared through counsel and provided the testimony of Mr. Jones. Staff appeared through counsel  
21 and provided the testimony of Mr. Smith, Mr. Cassidy, and Ms. Brown. At the conclusion of the  
22 hearing, New River requested to file one late-filed exhibit and was directed to provide another late-  
23 filed exhibit to provide specified information. At the request of the parties, a briefing schedule was  
24 established that requires initial briefs to be filed by October 25, 2013, and responsive briefs to be  
25 filed by November 8, 2013. The parties were advised that the extended deadline for the initial briefs  
26 would likely result in an extension of the timeframe for the Decision in this matter.

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1 On September 30, 2013, New River filed its late-filed exhibits, along with the supporting  
2 affidavit of Mr. Jones. New River filed a Notice of Errata for the late-filed exhibits filing on October  
3 1, 2013.

4 At their request, the parties have been provided extended filing deadlines for the initial briefs  
5 and responsive briefs in this matter. Thus, it is necessary and appropriate to extend the  
6 Commission's timeframe accordingly.

7 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission's **timeframe** in this matter is hereby  
8 **extended by 21 days**.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,  
10 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at  
11 hearing.

12 DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

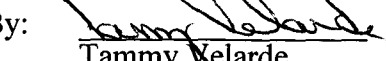
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16 SARAH N. HARPRING  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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